

DRAFT RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 3714  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64489

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Appln. No.: 09/855,020

Group Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 8003

Examiner: Aaron J. CAPRON

Filed: May 15, 2001

For: GAME MACHINE AND NETWORK SYSTEM FOR SETTING UP GAME  
ENVIRONMENT THEREOF

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 7 are independent claims.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 12<sup>1</sup> are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Sparks, II (US 6,352,479) in view of Schneier et al. (U.S. 6,099,408).

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<sup>1</sup> Although the December 20, 2002 Office Action's rejection is directed to canceled claims 2 and 10, Applicant has assumed that the Examiner intended to direct this rejection to all of the pending claims.